TOWN OF BRISTOL.

1860

REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF BRISTOL,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MARCH 1, 1860.

CONCORD:
McFARLAND & JENKS, STEAM PRINTERS.
1860.

REPORT.

The Selectmen credit the Town, for the year ending March 1, 1860, as follows:

By list of taxes assessed April, 1859,	2,714.29
Cash of J. T. Sanborn, collector for 1857, '58,	395.40
Balance in the treasury, March 1859,	297,81
Cash of J. W. Sanborn, for taxes,	190.82
Railroad tax,	116.93
Literary fund,	82.88
Interest on D. Bartlett's note,	6.02
Cash on Milo & S. S. Fellows' note,	10.67
Use of the Town House,	2.17
Non-resident highway tax,	7.22
Joseph Kidder's note,	37.13
Credited for county paupers,	36.00
	$3,897.34

Disbursements of the Selectmen.

Paid note to Rebecca Taylor,	126.91
State tax,	190.40
County tax,	303.54
School-house tax to District No. 7,	84.36
	$705.21

Abatement of taxes assessed in 1858.

E. J. Taft,	1.80
T. J. Harriman,	1.80
Moses Dow,	1.80
A. E. Smith,	.86
	$6.26

Taxes abated for 1859.

Ebenezer Eaton,	4.06
Wm. Green,	1.95
D. B. Bartlett,	4.06
Jonah Ferrel,	2.00
R. B. Tilton,	1.95
L. S. Potter,	1.95
Horace Chase,	1.95
Clark Fuller,	2.94
E. J. Taft,	2.11
John Sargent,	1.95
T. J. Harriman,	1.95
Jesse Hobert,	2.35
Others,	1.13
	$30.35

School Money.

No. 1.	Paid S. S. Sanborn,	23.46
2.	D. E. Everett,	173.29
3.	Stephen Nelson,	47.37
4.	J. M. R. Emons,	31.35
5.	John Roby,	50.48
6.	Frederic Kidder,	46.44
7.	P. C. Bean,	12.65
8.	Samuel Highland,	42.51
9.	N. T. Chase,	47.91
10.	G. W. Dow,	172.41
11.	W. C. Lovejoy,	59.17
	Wilson Foster,	4.50
		$711.54

Highways, Bridges and Breaking roads.

Samuel Page,	4.00
T. R. Emons,	8.80
Moses Cheney,	3.50
Samuel W. Heath,	30.00
E. M. Cheney,	1.87
J. & S. H. Rollins,	25.89
C. H. Mudget,	5.08
D. S. Follansbee,	12.15
Wilson Foster,	11.00
B. E. Blackstone,	31.57
Robert Smith,	11.43
S. S. Sanborn,	17.22
J. F. Cass,	7.60

C. S. Mason,	2.00
Frederic Kidder,	2.82
Eben Kendall,	5.50
John Roby,	8.00
David Blake, damage,	35.00
D. S. Follansbee,	3.82
Rufus Page,	9.00
Daniel Sleeper,	5.21
John Roby,	8.00
Enos Brown,	18.00
	$267.46

Miscellaneous Expenses.

County School Commissioner.	10.88
Printing reports for 1859,	12.00
L. W. Fling,	36.20
Ministerial money,	6.00
S. Berry, for ringing the bell.	4.75
J. M. R. Emons,	52.00
J. T. Sanborn	16.62
	$138.47

Town Officers' Bills.

M. W. White, town clerk,	15.00
C. D. Cass, town treasurer,	10.00
S. K. Mason, Superintending School Committee,	30.00
J. T. Sanborn, collector,	40.00
Joseph Kidder, } Selectmen.	33.00
Levi Bartlett, } Selectmen.	35.00
Stephen Nelson, } Selectmen.	25.00
	$188.00

Support of the Poor.

A. Hutchinson, } County,	23.00
S. E. Tucker, } County,	54.88
Mrs. Emons and family.	101.93
Lydia Glidden,	129.50
Polly Lowell,	48.50
William Sanborn,	43.28
Leander Badger,	7.00
Elijah Truel,	12.50
John Gurdy,	18.20
C. Taylor & Co., clothing,	12.14
J. L. Chase,	9.25
	$460.18

Recapitulation,		$3,897.34

PAID OUT.

For notes, State, County and School-house taxes,	705.21	
Abatement of taxes,	36.61	
School money,	711.54	
Highways and bridges,	267.46	
Miscellaneous expenses,	138.47	
Town officers' bills,	188.00	
Supporting the poor,	460.18	
Outstanding orders of 1838,	38.05	
Money in the treasury,	1,351.82	
		$3,897.34

Estimated debts against the Town.

A W. Eaton, note and interest,	834.56
F. Bartlett, " "	132.54
M. C. Mudget, note "	173.42
J. Cass, " "	57.43
J. M. R. Emons, " "	270.98
Miss Crawford, " "	495.02
Unsettled accounts estimated,	50.00
	$2,013.95

Schedule of the claims due the Town.

Reuben Lowell, note dated January 7, 1843, for $150, on interest,	382.83
Benj. Cass, dated 1853, note and interest,	8.77
Milo & S. S. Fellows,	14.13
D. B. Bartlett, Aug. 2, 1853, note and interest,	102.90
D. E. & Cyrus Bennet, Nov. 7, 1855, note and int.,	18.68
Not available for present use,	$527.31
Demands against the town,	2,013.95
Funds available,	1,351.82
Balance against the town,	$662.13

Bristol, March 1, 1860.

JOSEPH KIDDER,
LEVI BARTLETT,
STEPHEN NELSON, } *Selectmen of Bristol.*

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

As the advantages of education are self-evident to every intelligent mind, I do not think it necessary to adopted the course pursued in most instances, of writing an essay on the subject, but shall simply make a brief report of the condition of the schools, with a few practical suggestions.

District No. 1. One term of seven weeks, taught by Miss Hattie E. Darling, who gave entire satisfaction. Better progress was made than could have been expected in so short a time. No black-board in the school house.

District No. 2. Three terms. First was taught by Annie Huckins, who labored hard to make the school profitable, but there was not that degree of order which is necessary to make a school an entire success. As Miss H. is known to be a successful teacher of large experience, I think the fault does not rest wholly with her.

The order in our village schools is not so good as in the other schools in town. This is wrong. Our village schools ought to be better in every respect, for our advantages are superior. If our children were subject to proper discipline at home, they would cause their teachers less trouble. Abbie M. Mitchell,

an energetic teacher, taught the second term, and gave good satisfaction. Third term by CHARLES R. HEATH, who did very well indeed. Progress good.

DISTRICT No. 3. One term by JOSEPHINE MOORE. It was an excellent school. Most of the scholars were diligent and orderly of their own accord; a model school in this respect.

DISTRICT No. 4. First term by JULIA A. GORDON, and second by EMILY C. SMITH. Both are accomplished teachers. The people of this district have an elegant school house; they employ competent teachers, and when the town money is expended, the term is prolonged by subscription. The result is, they have the best school in town. The examination at the close would have done credit to schools of higher grade.

DISTRICT No. 5. Two short terms by LUCINA G. PIKE. This school is small, and the house is not so good as desirable. Progress good. Miss P. is one of our best teachers. Her register was kept in a model manner.

DISTRICT No. 6. Two terms by JULIA A. SPILLER, who is an efficient teacher. Progress good.

DISTRICT No. 7. One term by ELIZA S. TILTON. This school is small, but in good condition. This was Miss Tilton's first term. With experience, I think she will make one of our best teachers. The school house has been thoroughly repaired.

DISTRICT No. 8. One term by CARRIE S. CULVER, who is qualified to teach a much more advanced school. Progress good. Particular attention paid to reading. I am pleased to learn that there is now a private school.

DISTRICT No. 9. One term by ELIZA A. FOSTER. Miss F. is an excellent teacher, and she did every thing that could be done. This school is somewhat backward, as there is but one term in a year, with no private schools.

District No. 10. Three terms. First by Mary Moore, a thorough and methodical teacher. It was a good school as a matter of course. Second term was short. Josephine Moore, teacher. The order might have been improved a little, but as Miss M. succeeded so admirably in No. 3, I am disposed to think that the fault was not entirely with her. Winter term by L. W. H. Ames, an active and successful teacher. Arithmetic was taught in a very satisfactory manner. Improvement good.

District No. 11. Two terms by Mary E. Ferrin, who won the confidence of the pupils, making the school profitable to them, and pleasant to the teacher. She was quite successful, and there was a marked improvement.

Prudential Committees can not be too careful in engaging teachers. Let each teacher be selected with strict reference to the school to be taught. Our schools are so different that a teacher may succeed in one, and entirely fail in another.

Care should be taken to secure the services of those who have the ability to maintain order. It is seldom that an applicant will fail to pass the examination required. But the Superintending Committee can know very little of the applicant's capacity to govern, which is one of the most essential elements of success.

Some of the registers have been kept in too careless a manner. Prudential Committees should see that they are properly filled out before the teachers are paid.

In some instances there has been a failure to return the registers in season, so that I am obliged to make out my report in a hasty manner.

Every efficient teacher should be retained as long as possible.

Each school house should be supplied with a Globe and large Dictionary. A small subscription on the part of each parent would procure a Globe this year, a Dictionary next, and maps the year after. Could you not save more than enough to accomplish so desirable an object, by dispensing with some useless thing? The money spent in Bristol for tobacco, in a single year, would do it, and build a school house beside.

To speak of all the advantages of a system of union schools, in the village, would occupy too much space. I will only suggest the matter. By and by our village districts will be united.

In conclusion I would say that, on the whole, our schools are in quite as good condition as could be expected, and the money appropriated for their support will prove a good investment.

S. K. MASON,

Superintending School Committee.

TABLE.

DISTRICTS.	Terms of school.	Length of school in weeks.	Whole number of scholars.	Average attendance.	Wages of Teacher, including board.	No. of visits of S. S. Com.	No. of visits by Prudential Com.	No. of visits by citizens and others.
No. 1,	1	7	11	8	14.00	2		7
No. 2,	1st	8	52	42½	20.00	2	1	13
	2d	8	47	39	22.00	2	1	7
	3	8½	44	37	32.00	2	1	12
No. 3,	1	10⅚	21	18½	17.66	2		11
No. 4,	1st	8	20	17	15.00	2		
	2d	3	17	16	17.67	1		16
No. 5,	1st	6	11	10	14.00	2		7
	2d	6	13	10	16.00			6
No. 6,	1st	4	17	16	13.40	1	1	
	2d	8⅚	20	18	15.80	2		
No. 7,	1	8	8	8	12.00	1		7
No. 8,	1	8	18	15	19.20	2	1	12
No. 9,	1	10	16	12	18.00	2		1
No. 10,	1st	8	40	34	20.00	2		6
	2d	5	34	24	18.00	3		
	3d	10½	47	33	32.00	2		14
No. 11,	1st	9	24	20	14.00	2		6
	2d	9	13	10	14.00	2		5